



MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: T.M. Sauter Attorney Docket No.: KCOS121897  
Application No.: 10/714,510 Group Art Unit: 3611  
Filed: November 14, 2003  
Title: SNOWBOARD BINDING SYSTEM HAVING AUTOMATIC TOE STRAP

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Seattle, Washington 98101

May 12, 2005

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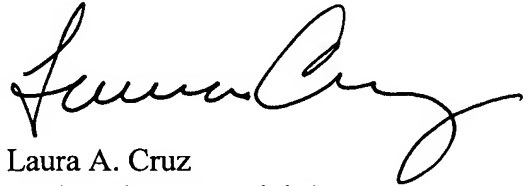
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OTHER INFORMATION

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